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The annual convention of the Allen County Sunday School Association will be held at the First Baptist Church, November 6 and 7. A splendid program is announced, and we hope there may be a good attendance of our people.

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Aid Society for November will be held in the lecture rooms of the church on the evening of the 7th. At this meeting every woman is supposed to bring a dollar for the treasury of the society. At the close of the meeting a lunch will be served by the women.

Thursday afternoon and evening of December 5th the women of the church will have their annual Christmas sale. A chicken and noodle supper will be served from 5 to 8 o'clock. Be sure to contribute something toward the sale and supper. The supper will be 25 cents.

Pledges to the organ fund are now due and can be paid at any time. As soon as the organ is installed and accepted we want to pay our share of the cost of the organ.

Dr. James I. Good has been invited to be with us on the Sabbath when we will have our organ dedication. He has written the pastor that he should be very glad to come as he enjoyed his visit with us a year ago very much. Professor Archer, of this

city, will have charge of the organ recital. Definite announcements of these events will be made later.

Mrs. J. H. Straub and Mrs. Zartman attended the annual meeting of the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society at Xenia, O. They had a very enthusiastic convention. A year ago Mrs. Zartman was appointed historian of the society, and at the recent meeting read a report of the twenty-five year's work of the Synodical Society. The report will be published in printed form and a synopsis of the report will also appear in the December issue of Missionary Outlook. The next annual meeting of the society will be held at Tiffin, O.

The pastor attended the annual meeting of the Ohio Synod held at Sycamore, O., during the first week of October. The attendance was very good and the meeting was harmonious and full of inspiration. The church at Sycamore gave the members of the synod a very cordial reception, and entertained them royally. The only feature to mar the pleasantness and cheer of the meeting was the serious illness of the pastor, Rev. J. D. Neff. He and his family have the sympathy and prayers of the members of the synod. The next meeting will be held at Mulberry, Ind.

At the next monthly meeting of the Young People's Society the annual election for officers will be held. Every member of the society attend this meeting.

Dear Friends:

It has been a long time since I had anything to say about finances, however, the time is now getting short, and owing to the falling off in attendance during the summer, the payments for current expenses have been falling behind, so that quite a few members are in arrears. We will need every cent due us on subscriptions to meet our obligations, and I want to urge you to do your best for us during November.

If you have no pledge, perhaps you have not paid what you could, in which case we will greatly appreciate your making an extra payment at this time.

Trusting to have your hearty co-operation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

W. F. CLOSE,
Financial Secretary.

The organ for the church is now being installed. For the past three weeks the man sent by the company has been busy at work. It will require a week or longer until the work is completed. We had hoped that in this issue of the Visitor we could definitely announce the time for the dedication of the organ and for the organ recital, but we are not yet in a position to do this. After the organ is completed the new carpet must go down and this will take some time. The man who has the work of repairing the furnaces has also been delayed in getting the repairs, so it is not possible to fix any definite dates at this time. We hope, however, that within a week or so definite announcements can be made. Most of the pledges to the organ fund have already been paid. Now and then some cash contributions come in for this fund. We know there are others in the church who have not given pledges but will

do their share toward the organ. We shall be glad for contributions of any amounts. Every member is solicited to give something however small the sum may be.

The young people's campaign for a larger attendance at the mid-week prayer meeting and for a deeper work of grace and a great spiritual uplift for the church is meeting with commendable success, remembering that the campaign has only been fairly launched. The young people are to be commended for their zeal and for the purpose which they are aiming to accomplish. It is only because the people are indifferent and occupied with the world that the prayer meetings are so poorly attended, and that churches drag along at a poor dying rate. Many church members have time and zeal for carnal things, for worldly functions and all sorts of gatherings, but they cannot give time for an evening in the Lord's house, not even for worship on the Sabbath day. It is religion that these people lack; love for Christ and His cause. Our young people are praying and working earnestly to awaken a deeper interest in the services of the church and to get the people out to the meetings, and to bring about a great spiritual quickening. This praying and working band of young people want the church officers and everybody in the church to join hands with them in this campaign. Some of our aged members cannot always get out to the meetings, but what excuse is there for scores of others who do not come. Some day the Lord will reckon with the inconsistencies and indifference of some people and indifference of some people. God's spirit will not strive with men. Some day the Holy Spirit will cease to call and the opportunity of grace and toil will be over. Every Wed-

nesday evening, remember, a band of praying souls is beseeching the Lord earnestly on behalf of the careless and the indifferent, that God might touch and quicken their hearts, and that they may awaken out of their lethargy and sleep and answer the Lord's call to service and to a higher and nobler life. Come everybody and join us in this campaign for a larger work or grace and for a deeper spiritual life.

BIRTHS.

A little daughter, Ruth Josephine, came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Close Saturday morning, September 14th.

A little son made his advent recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Snyder.

We extend hearty congratulations to these parents.

Mrs. Delott, from Pennsylvania, sister of Miss Carie Quickly and a cousin of Mr. L. W. Hills, spent most of the month of October in the city visiting her friends. She is an estimable christian woman. We are always glad to see her in our midst.

Mrs. George Miller, who spent the early spring and summer with friends in southern Kansas, returned home in September. She is real well again. While away she took lessons in drawing and painting. She does some beautiful work.

Mr. Arthur Bitner, one of the enterprising young men of Grace church has formed a partner ship with Mr. Gunkler and has gone into the stove business at 219 East Main street. Mr. Bitner was with Mr. Ash, one of the pioneer stove and furnace men of the city for a number of years. Mr. Bitner understands the stove and range business thoroughly. They have been doing a splendid business since they

cupying their new home on their line, call and see these young men. You will find their card in the advertising columns of this issue of the Visitor.

Mr. H. E. Metzners are now living at 448 Buchanan street. They will entertain the young people at their next monthly social and business meeting.

A great sorrow and bereavement came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eberwine, residing on Howell street, on Sunday afternoon, October 20th, when their little son, Edward, was struck by an automobile, sustaining injuries from which he died at St. Joseph's hospital a few hours later. Edward and his brother had spent the day at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Henry Kessler. On the way home, when they were making the transfer from the West Jefferson street car to the West Main, at the corner of Main and Broadway, the accident occurred. It was only a wonder that both of the children were not caught by the machine. Edward was the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Eberwine and was a very bright and happy little fellow. The boys had a very pleasant day with their aunt and uncle, but the day had a very sad ending. This is only another evidence of the fact that we do not know what a day may bring forth. Edward was born March 13, 1904. He was aged 8 years, 6 months and 9 days. His father and mother, two sisters and brother survive him. He has done with the cares and trials of life and has gone to be with the Lord forever, where there is no night, no sin and no sorrow, and where some day his loved ones may meet him again. The funeral services were held from the home on Wednesday afternoon, October 23rd, and were con-

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ducted by Rev. C. O. Shirey, of the Bethany Presbyterian church. We regret that we were out of the city and that we could not be with this family in their sorrow. Our prayer is that the Lord may tenderly care for and comfort all these bereft and mourning friends.

Mrs. Margaret Bogar is visiting with friends at Carey, O. She will be gone for several months. In a post card from her she states she is having a pleasant time.

Mrs. C. F. Close has just returned from an extended visit with relatives and friends at Sandusky and Fremont, O. She says she had a good time.

Mrs. and Mrs. Jacob Schaich have gone to California for the winter. They have a number friends on the coast that they expect to visit.

Mr. George Shiffer has returned from a two months' rest at Lake James. We are glad to have him with us again in the work with the young people.

Mrs. J. H. Straub spent a week with her mother at Bellevue, O., the first of the month.

Mr. Mores are building a very fine home on East Creighton avenue, two squares east of Calhoun. They will occupy their new house about the 1st of December.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rudisill just returned from a very pleasant visit with relatives in Michigan. They were gone for about a week.

Mrs. Heist and little daughter have been attendants at our services for the past several Sabbaths. They came to the city from Philadelphia where

Mr. and Mrs. Heist were members of the Grace Reformed church. They reside at 1210 Breck street. We extend a very cordial welcome to them and are glad to see them at our services. We are sure they would be very glad to have some of our people call on them.

Mr. and Mrs. Gumper have been guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Schaaf in Covington, Ky. Mrs. Gumper spent nearly two weeks with her sister. On their return home, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Schaaf, they came by the way of Dayton, O., to pay a short visit to Mr. Nevin Schaaf, who is a student at the Central Theological Seminary at Dayton.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hills returned from their summer home at St. Ignace the middle of the month. They very generously remembered a number of their friends upon their return with supplies of lake trout. They were certainly fine. Thank you.

Miss Stella Bottger has returned to her home from the Lutheran hospital where she submitted to an operation a few weeks ago.

Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Diefenbach and children were guests at the parish house during the week of October 16. Mrs. Diefenbach gave a report of the Woman's Synodical Missionary convention held at the Xenia, O., the latter part of September at the meeting of the Missionary Society Thursday afternoon, October 17th. Mrs. Wicklyff entertained the women at her home on Columbia avenue upon this occasion. The women had a very pleasant and interesting time at this meeting. Mrs. Wicklyff knows how to serve an afternoon lunch.

Mr. Clark Bitner after a six years' stay at Los Angeles was home to visit his parents and friends. He was here most of the month of October. We were glad to see him again. He is

the same jolly fellow, and happy as ever. He is looking well and is thoroughly in love with the west.

Mr. Ed Chausses are now occupying their new home on their farm eight miles east of the city. We are sure they will enjoy being in the new house.

Miss Gertrude Thompson was one of the attendants at a recent marriage of one of her friends at Mt. Vernon, O. She has since gone to visit friends at Green Castle, Pa.

Paul Williard Bretz died at Goshen, Ind., Tuesday, October 8th. He was the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Bretz. He was born at Canal Fulton, O., October 30th, 1888, aged 23 years, 11 months and 8 days. This young brother had been in poor health for several years, but was able to be about until within a short time before his death. During the month of August he and his mother had accompanied friends from Chicago on a long auto trip to the east. On their return, when they reached Cleveland, O., he found that he was getting much weaker and made the trip from there home on the train. On arriving home he took his bed and gradually grew weaker until the end came. At the age of 13 years he was received into membership with the Reformed church of Goshen, while his uncle, Rev. N. B. Mathes, was pastor of the church. He was an exemplary young man, an earnest and consecrated child of God. He was held in the highest esteem and loved by the people of his church and by a large circle of friends in the city. He was of christian parentage and from early childhood feared and loved the Lord. The funeral services were held from the home on Third street in Goshen Friday afternoon, October 11th, and were conducted by the pastor of Grace Church, as-

sisted by the Rev Van Nuys, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Goshen. At the close of the services the remains were taken to the cemetery at Mil-

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lersburg, Ind., where they were placed by the side of his father, who died fifteen years ago. A brother and sister had also preceded this young brother to the eternal home. The mother and two brothers remain to mourn his death.

Mr. Charles Thornburg, of Huntington, Ind., and Miss Winnie Feighton, of Roanoke, Ind., were married by the pastor at the Hope hospital Sabbath afternoon, October 13th.

Y. P. S. C. E. LEADERS AND TOPICS.

Nov. 3—The Christian Virtues. Zeal. Titus 2:1-14. Arthur Weiler.

Nov. 10—Temperance Progress Over the World, Matt. 3:13-18; 4:1-6. Hazel Gooley.

Nov. 17—Mistakes Often Made. Prov. 14:1-24. George Shiffer.

Nov. 24—The Christian Virtues. Gratitude. Ps. 147:1-20. (Thanksgiving day meeting). Elsie Weickart.

Dec. 1—Missionary Achievements and What I May Do. Phil. 2:1-16. Helen Trish.

Dec. 8—Lessons of the Snow. Job 18:1-27. Ruth More.

Dec 15—Teachings of this Year's Sunday School Lessons. Ps. 119.9-16. Anna Doermer.

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